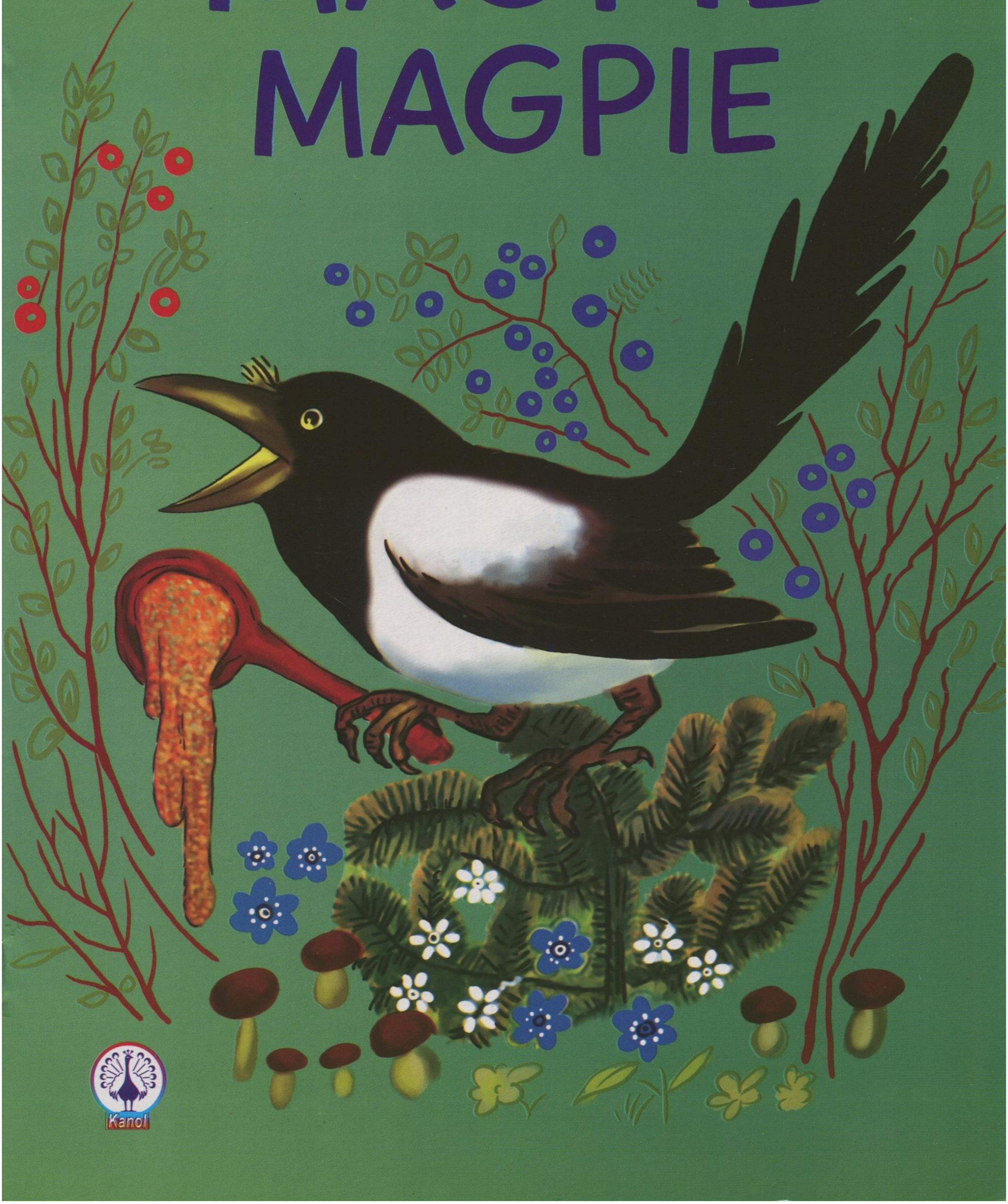
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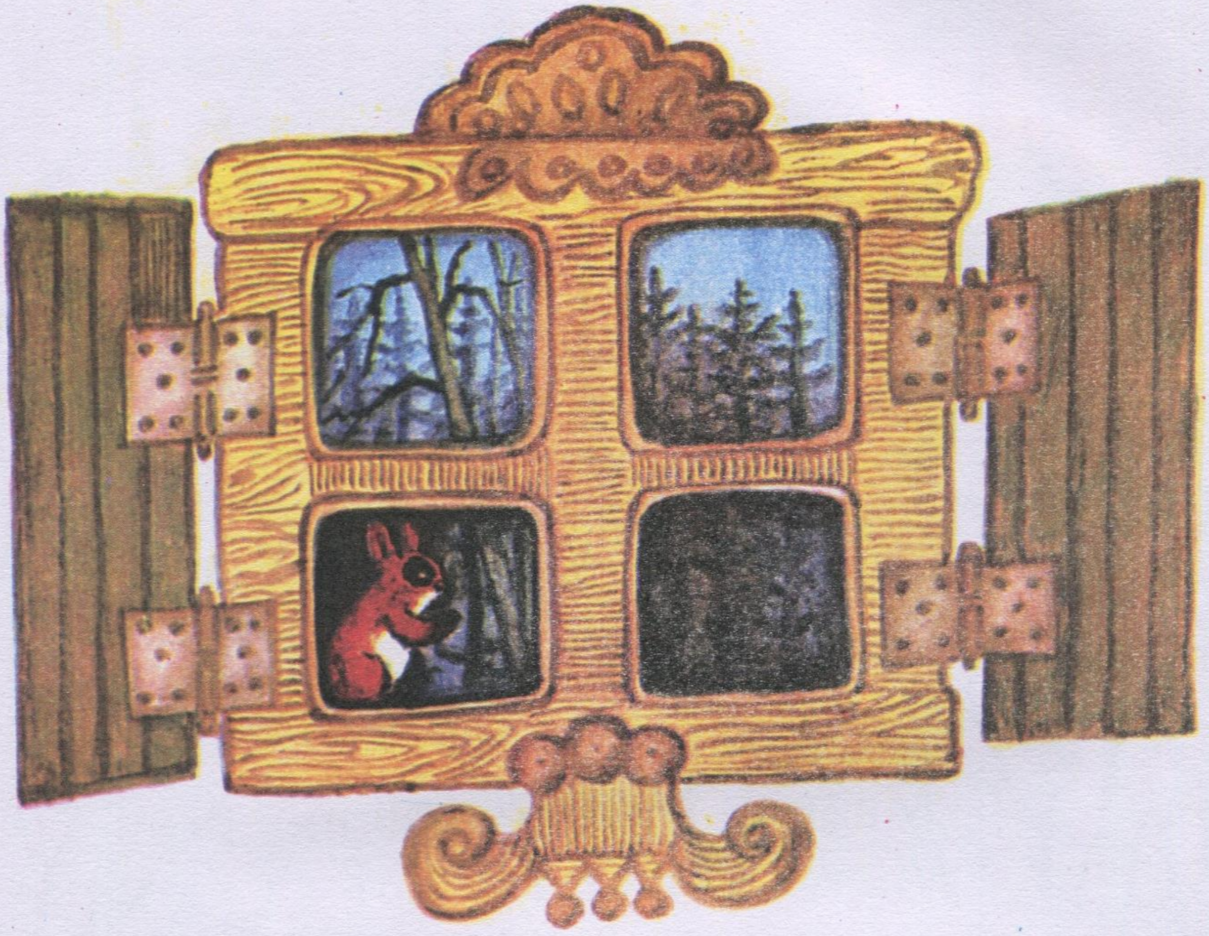
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"Magpie, Magpie, tell me, pray,
Where have you been?"



"Far away!
I made a fire,
And I cooked some mush,



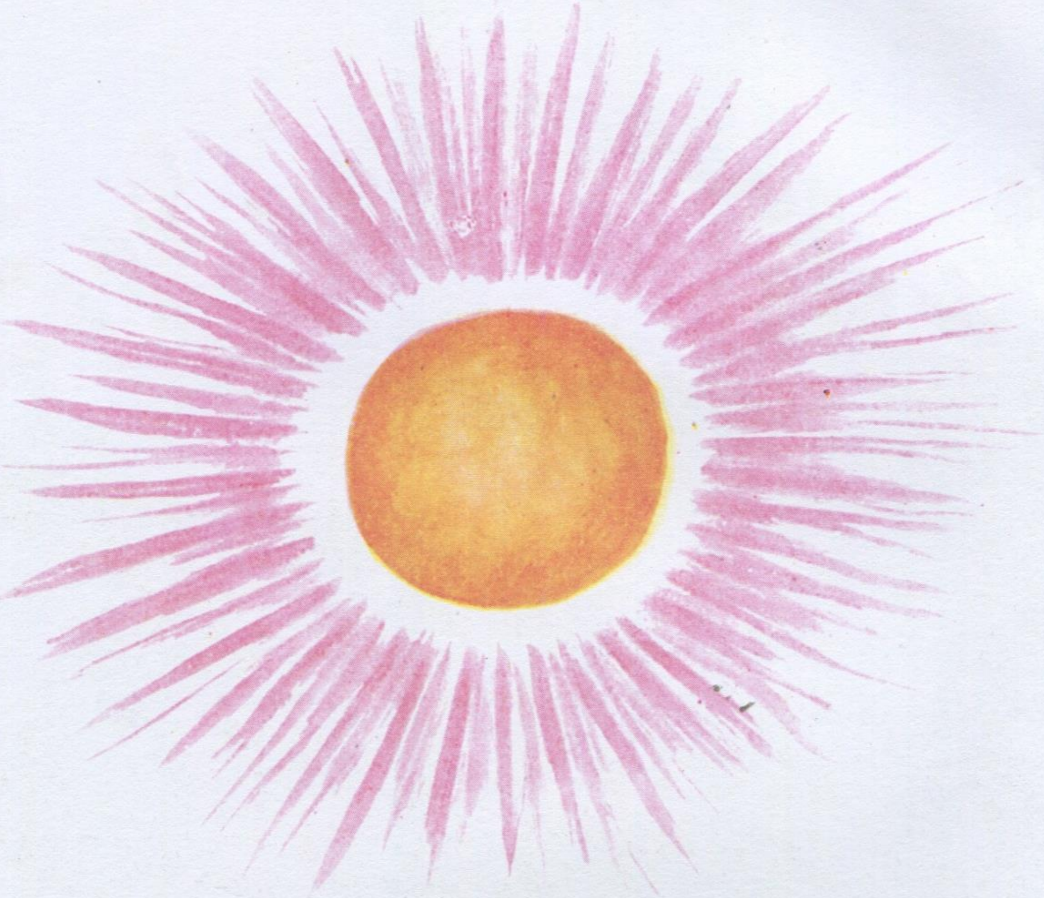




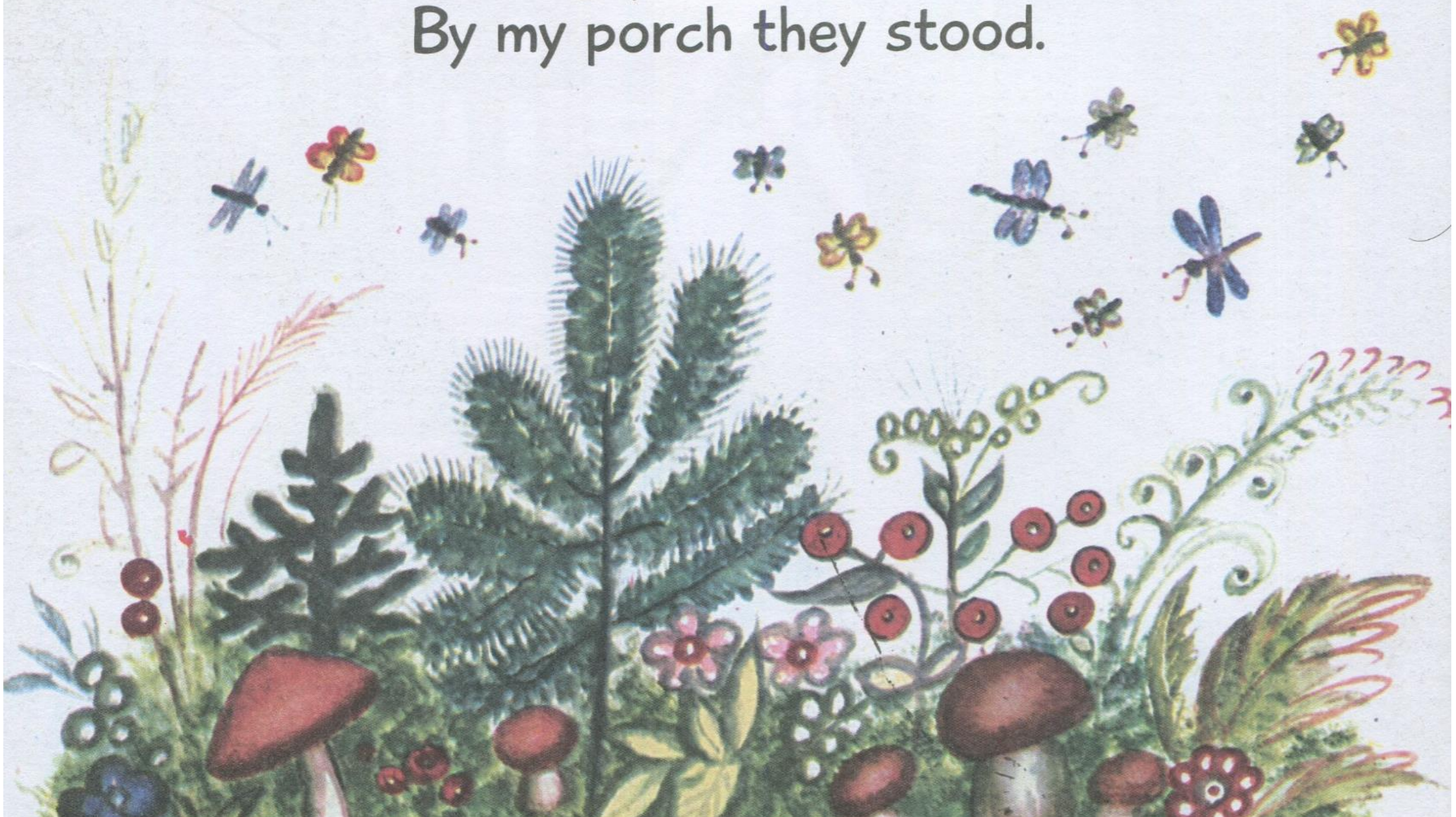
"I called to my friends,
And they came at a rush!







"A hungry brood,
By my porch they stood.







"The squirrel got some mush
And so did the hare,
The duck and the owl
Each got a share
But one poor little soul
got none at all:





"He had fetched no water,
He had chopped no wood,
He had made no fire,
He had cooked no food."









Shoo! - and away they flew.
They pecked no bread -
They perched on your head,
And wherever they went - from
west to east -
They told their friends
of the Magpie's feast.





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